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This requests a Continuation or Divisional application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of prior application:

Appln. No.:	09/911,544	Group Art Unit:	2182
Filed on:	July 25, 2001	Examiner:	Elamin, Abdelmonieum
Entitled:	COMPUTER SYSTEM USING DISK CONTROLLER AND OPERATING SERVICE THEREOF		

1. The entire disclosure of the pending, prior application is hereby incorporated by reference.

2. Submitted herewith is a copy of the complete prior application as filed.

3. This application is filed by fewer then all the inventors named in the prior nonprovisional application, CFR 1.53(b)(1). **DELETE** the following inventor(s): _____.

4. Submitted herewith is a copy of the signed Oath/Declaration from the prior application.

5. Small entity status was established in the prior application, and is still proper and desired.

6. A _____ month Petition for Extension of Time is filed concurrently in the prior application.

7. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment and charge any deficiency in any fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and/or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 08-1480.

8. A check in the amount of \$ 810.00 for filing and assignment fees is submitted herewith.

9. Insert before the first sentence of the specification: This application is a Continuation of nonprovisional U.S. Patent Application No. 09/911,544 filed on July 25, 2001.

10. Cancel in this application original claims _____ of prior application before calculating the filing fee.

11. The prior application is assigned of record to: Hitachi, Ltd.

12. Priority is claimed based on U.S. Patent Application No. 09/911,544 filed on July 25, 2001, which claims the priority of Japanese Application No. 2001-138424 filed on May 9, 2001.

13. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

14. Other: Information Disclosure Statement

THE FILING FEE IS CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:			Basic Fee:	\$ 770.00
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